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## Sorority to host fundraiser in Union

Jakki Thompson  
assistant news editor

Zeta Phi Beta sorority will be hosting a fundraiser for a struggling infant from Dodge City, Kan., from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in the K-State Student Union Courtyard.

Armani Armenta, a six-month-old boy, was born with a cancerous tumor in his right eye. Armenta was diagnosed with retinoblastoma, a fast-developing cancer in which the retina of the eye develops cancer cells that create white spots that can turn the entire retina white.

"Before the cancer could spread to the rest of his body, the doctors decided to remove his right eye," said Morgan Johnson, president of Zeta Phi Beta and senior in English.

Zeta Phi Beta hopes to raise enough money for the Armenta family to help with medical bills and travel expenses, among

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Morgan Johnson  
president of Zeta Phi Beta

other things.

"We hope that we are able to raise a sufficient amount of funds to help Armani and his family pay for his surgery and the family's well-being," Johnson said.

Sorority members do not have a specific amount of money they hope to raise, Johnson said.

Julisa Hernandez, alumna of Zeta Phi Beta and December 2011 graduate, brought the Armentas' needs to the sorority. Armani Armenta is the son of Hernandez's best friend.

"Zeta decided to support this cause because we believe in helping in any and all situations where help is needed," Johnson said. "This is a difficult time for Armani's family, and we believe that it is important for them to know that someone cares."

## 47 students receive awards for cancer research

Program motivates students to focus research on cancer studies as undergraduates

Anton Trafimovich  
staff writer

The Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research at K-State awarded 47 outstanding undergraduates for their cancer-related research. Funded by private donations, an annual award serves to increase awareness of cancer and encourages more research to be done in the field.

The Cancer Research Award program started in K-State in the 1980s. Since then, 825 students have been awarded for their research.

The deadline to apply for the program was Oct. 1, 2011. Out of 51 student applicants, 47 were selected to be awarded in the beginning of March.

Rob Denell, director of the research center and a university distinguished professor of biology, explained the objectives of the award program.

"It really has two purposes," Denell said. "One, indeed, is to serve as a training opportunity to undergraduates who might be interested in doing cancer research as a lifetime commitment. The other thing is that it also helps the cancer research programs of the mentors. So we really want to do both of those things at the same time."

Not only does the student researcher receive an award, but the mentor does as well; \$1,000 goes directly to the student, and \$1,000 is also given to the mentor. According to the program terms, the money should be spent to support the student's project.

Faddy Khamis, junior in biology, is one of 47 awarded undergraduates. To participate in the program, he started working in biology professor Susan Brown's flour beetle lab at Chalmers Hall.

Studying the function of the *groucho* gene in the beetle embryos' development, Khamis related his research to cancer studies. The *groucho* gene is misregulated in some cancers, and his studies help us to understand how this might happen.

Khamis said he had never participated in competitions like the Cancer Research Award program, but this award will motivate him to apply for the same program next year, as there are no limitations on the number of times students can get this award. As long as students are undergraduates and can relate their research to cancer studies, they can apply for The Cancer Research Award program.

"It's motivating. I want to apply next year, and I'm probably going to apply a year after," Khamis said.



Abbey Briscoe | Collegian

John Nail, sophomore in biochemistry, isolates fibroblast growth factor from mosquitoes Thursday afternoon at the Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research.

For many participants, the Cancer Research Award program becomes a push in their medicine career. While some students end up as authors of scientific papers, others develop this research into their projects for graduate school.

"By graduate school when most students are allowed to do this kind of research ... they have to have already made these hard decisions about their future," said Marcia Locke, public relations and outreach coordinator at the cancer

research system. "So, we try to get them as undergraduates to consider that as a potential career."

Locke added that the program

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## SGA

## Student Senate allocates fees to student groups

Jakki Thompson  
assistant news editor

The Student Governing Association passed funding to two groups to attend the Council for Advancement and Support of Education's Affiliated Student Advancement Program on Thursday night. The Student Alumni Board and the Student Foundation will both receive \$500 to attend this conference.

The groups requested funds for the conference because they said it will provide a way for members to understand how to improve other programs at K-State, a venture that would include Wildcat Welcome Day, Grad Bash and Wildcats Forever.

The Bike State Collective will receive its requested amount of funding of \$235. This money will go to bringing in members from local cycling shops Big Poppi's Bicycle Co. and The Pathfinder to inform K-State students about proper bike safety, maintenance and the proper usage of bike paths on campus.

SGA approved a resolution to show support for a learning compact that will be printed on every class's syllabus, similar to how every syllabus includes K-State's honesty and plagiarism policies. The learning compact will be used as a mutual effort between students and faculty intended to shape classroom instruction and to encourage open dialogue.

There were two commendations approved by SGA. One was a commendation for recently deceased A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications professor Todd Simon's service to K-State, and one was a commendation to the participants of the 2011 annual speech forum, held last December to showcase outstanding speakers from advanced speech classes.

There were two new bills introduced by groups requesting funds. One was to the Asian American Student Union and the other was to the KSU Potters Guild. These two pieces of legislation will be voted on at the next meeting.

## Facebook co-founder makes investment

Hughes to take over title of editor-in-chief of The New Republic from previous owner, also a Harvard alumnus

Nicholas P. Fandos  
Harvard Crimson, Harvard University

Facebook co-founder Christopher R. Hughes announced Friday that he had purchased a majority stake in *The New Republic*, a magazine owned and edited for 35 years by former Harvard lecturer Martin "Marty" H. Peretz.

Hughes will assume Peretz's titles of publisher and editor-in-chief of the Washington-based magazine. The details of the purchase have not been made public.

In a letter published by the magazine on Friday, Hughes wrote that he hopes to maintain the legacy of *The New Republic*'s long-form journalism while increasing

the predominantly print publication's use of new technology.

"The web has introduced a competitive, and some might argue hostile, landscape for long, in-depth, resource-intensive journalism," Hughes wrote. "Although the method of delivery of important ideas has undergone drastic change over the past 15

years, the hunger for them has not dissipated.

"In the next era of *The New Republic*, we will aggressively adapt to the newest information technologies without sacrificing our commitment to serious journalism," he added.

Peretz praised Hughes as someone who argues well and who cares deeply about the future of the magazine.

Speaking about his successor's commitment to academics, Peretz cited Hughes' undergraduate history and literature thesis on the Algerian Revolution. Hughes' coupling of entrepreneurial success and academic inter-

locke added that the program

around *The New Republic* who knew about these things and was committed to integrating them into the life of the magazine.

That know-how will undoubtedly be bolstered by Hughes' personal fortune. The Facebook co-founder is estimated to be worth \$700 million — a figure which will likely increase when the company led by his former Harvard roommate Mark Zuckerberg goes public in the coming months.

In an interview with The New York Times, Hughes said that he is not hoping to turn a profit from the magazine and is willing to spend at a time when many rival publications are struggling to make ends meet.

Peretz said it is likely Hughes will increase the size of the magazine's staff immediately and expand its coverage.

Hughes, who served as the first Facebook spokesperson, left the company in

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## CANCER | K-State 'one of best' research universities in US, professor says

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depends on private donations. Individuals, businesses and community groups donating to cancer research sustain the award program every year.

Student award winners, faculty and donors met at the awards banquet on March 2. John Nail, sophomore in biochemistry and one of the awarded undergraduates who attended the banquet, said it is incredible that so many K-State alumni and other generous people all over the country give money to undergraduates' cancer research.

"They all seem really enthusiastic about supporting our projects," Nail said.

Denell said he believes the Cancer Research Award program, together with other university activity in this field, makes K-State one of the foremost schools in cancer research.

"Kansas State does one of the best jobs of any place in the country, not only in terms of cancer research, but just in terms of the sciences, getting the students into the laboratory," Denell said. "It's something that we do very well. It contributes to the large number of awards that K-State students are able to garner."

Abbey Briscoe | Collegian

**Faddy Khamis**, junior in biology, sexes red flour beetles on Thursday at the Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research.



## FACEBOOK | Tradition continues

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2007 to serve as the director of social media for then-Sen. Barack Obama's presidential campaign. Hughes most recently founded Jumo, a social networking site for nonprofit organizations.

Hughes' ownership continues a long tradition of Harvard alumni at the magazine, whose outsized political influence has often dwarfed its circulation. At many points, it has resembled a Harvard club that served as the launching pad for promising political writers and editors coming out of the university.

The magazine was founded in 1914 by Herbert D. Croly, who attended Harvard in the 19th century and received an honorary degree, and Walter Lippmann, class of 1910. Over the years, the New Republic has counted four more Harvard alumni as editor and many others as writers.

Peretz, who left his position as a house master at Harvard after taking over as editor-in-chief in 1975, said that he will not retain any ownership in the company but will likely write for the magazine.

"I've done the magazine for 38 years, and I'm going to do what [Hughes] wants me to do," Peretz said. "I'm now almost 73, so it's a good time. It's probably too late, even, to have done this."

Peretz — one of the early head tutors of the social studies concentration — came under fire at Harvard in 2010 after writing a controversial blog post for The New Republic which included the statement "Muslim life is cheap."

Protest by five student groups led to Peretz's removal from the list of speakers at the Committee on Degrees in Social Studies' 50th anniversary celebration.

Hughes could not be reached for comment.



## sports

### Late push gives Wildcats edge in first round of NCAA tournament



Tommy Theis | Collegian  
Freshman guard Angel Rodriguez stays on his toes to defend junior guard Pierre Jackson of the Baylor Bears during the Big 12 Tournament March 8.

#### McGruder's 30-point performance leads the way to Wildcats' victory against Southern Miss

Corbin McGuire  
staff writer

Junior guard Rodney McGruder's 30 points and four steals proved to be enough to defeat the Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles 70-64 to advance the Wildcats to the round of 32 for the third straight year.

Head coach Frank Martin spoke about what McGruder has meant for this team all season.

"When you see guys like him have the success he's having individually, it makes you feel real proud, because that's what it's about. You put in the time, you commit yourself to the people that believe in you, and you go get better," Martin said of McGruder. "As a coach and a teammate, there's a reason we're playing on Saturday, because of his personality, his work ethic, his toughness."

The Wildcats (22-10) will take on the Syracuse Orangemen on Saturday, the No. 1 seed of the East Region who defeated the UNC-Asheville Bulldogs 72-65.

McGruder paced the Wildcats in scoring throughout the game, with 18 points in the first half and 12 points in the second half.

Freshman guard Angel Rodriguez made up for a handful of turnovers and ill-advised shots throughout the game with some crucial plays near the end of the game.

"It's not like I trust him with 10 minutes to go and not trust him with two minutes to go," Martin said of Rodriguez. "I've got tremendous faith in him. That's why you saw him out there making the plays he made towards the end of the game."

As the Wildcats held onto a 3-point lead with 2:12 remaining

in the game, Rodriguez made an acrobatic up-and-under layup to stop a Golden Eagle 4-on run. Including that bucket, Rodriguez scored 7 of the Wildcats' final 8 points to finish the game with 13 points and four assists.

"I think all that happened because coach is always talking to us and telling us, especially in this tournament, teams are going to make runs. His words are, 'we got to stop the bleeding,'" Rodriguez said. "They made a great run. But we were fortunate enough to take the punch and stop the bleeding by making another run, getting stops, executing on offense."

Junior forward Jordan Henriquez continued to play as consistently as anyone on the Wildcat roster, scoring 15 points. Henriquez scored 9 of his 15 points from the free-throw line on 10 attempts.

The 6-foot-11-inch forward made his presence felt down low with nine rebounds and six blocks, providing some security to his teammates.

"I would say it's great to have a guy like that back there because you know if you slip on defense or you get back slip, he has your back. There's nothing better than that," McGruder said of Henriquez.

The Wildcats' frontcourt was too much for the Golden Eagles to handle as K-State outscored Southern Miss 32-18 in the paint.

Martin said it is great to be in this tournament on a regular basis.

"You know, we've elevated our program to one of the better programs in the country. We have been in this thing consistently. I don't know how many people can claim they've been in it four out of five years," Martin said. "We have to do what I've told the team: we got to be on a bunch of one-game winning streaks."

K-State will take on the Orangemen in Consol Energy Center in Pittsburgh, Pa., on March 17.

senior guard Darnell Dodson's 14 points, all in the second half, and sophomore guard Neil Watson's 16 points. They claimed a 45-40 lead off a 3-point basket from Dodson only to see the Wildcats climb back and take a 51-47 lead after a McGruder 3-point basket with 9:04 to play.

The Golden Eagles' bench provided 35 points, all coming from Dodson, Watson and sophomore guard Cedric Jenkins, compared to the Wildcats' 9, but that was not enough to overcome their 36.7 percent shooting on the game.

The Golden Eagles, in their first tournament appearance in 21 years, tied the game at 1 point 51-51, but a 7-0 run from the Wildcats gave K-State the breathing room it needed to come away victorious.

Junior guard LaShay Page rounded out the Golden Eagles' scoring with 15 points on 5-of-16 shooting, but that was not efficient enough to give head coach Larry Eustachy a successful return to the NCAA tournament.

The Wildcats' next opponent, the Orangemen, will be without a key frontcourt member in Fab Melo, who was declared ineligible before the NCAA tournament began. The Orangemen struggled against the Bulldogs early, down 34-30 in the first half, and failed to put away the Bulldogs until late in the game.

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### March sports calendar

FRIDAY,  
MARCH 16

**Baseball** vs. Texas A&M, 6:35 p.m., College Station, Texas, Radio: KMAN-AM 1350  
**Rowing** at Longhorn Invitational, Austin, Texas  
**Track and field**, Tulsa Duels, Tulsa, Okla.

SATURDAY,  
MARCH 17

**Men's basketball** vs. Syracuse at Pittsburgh, Pa.  
**Women's basketball** vs. Princeton at Bridgeport, Conn., 10:20 a.m., TV: ESPN2  
**Baseball** vs. Texas A&M, 2:05 p.m., College Station, Texas, Radio: KMAN-AM 1350  
**Rowing** at Longhorn Invitational, Austin, Texas  
**Track and field**, Tulsa Duels, Tulsa, Okla.  
**Equestrian** vs. Oklahoma State at Timber Creek Stables

SUNDAY,  
MARCH 18

**Tennis** vs. Memphis State, 12 p.m., Wamego  
**Baseball** vs. Texas A&M, 1:05 p.m., College Station, Texas  
**Rowing** at Longhorn Invitational, Austin, Texas

TUESDAY,  
MARCH 20

**Baseball** vs. Creighton at Tointon Family Stadium, 6:30 p.m., Radio: KMAN-AM 1350

THURSDAY,  
MARCH 22

**Men's golf**, Desert Shootout, Palm Valley Golf Course, Goodyear, Ariz.

FRIDAY,  
MARCH 23

**Baseball** vs. Texas, 6:30 p.m., Tointon Family Stadium, Radio: KMAN-AM 1350  
**Tennis** vs. Texas Tech, 1 p.m., Manhattan  
**Men's golf**, Desert Shootout, Palm Valley Golf Course, Goodyear, Ariz.  
**Women's golf**, Mountain View Collegiate, Mountain View Golf Course, Tuscon, Ariz.  
**Track and field**, ASU Invitational, Tempe, Ariz.

SATURDAY,  
MARCH 24

**Baseball** vs. Texas, 2 p.m., Tointon Family Stadium, Radio: KMAN-AM 1350  
**Men's golf**, Desert Shootout, Palm Valley Golf Course, Goodyear, Ariz.  
**Women's golf**, Mountain View Collegiate, Tuscon, Ariz.  
**Track and field**, ASU Invitational, Tempe, Ariz.

SUNDAY,  
MARCH 25

**Tennis** vs. Baylor, 12 p.m., Manhattan  
**Baseball** vs. Texas, 1 p.m., Tointon Family Stadium, Radio: KMAN-AM 1350

TUESDAY,  
MARCH 27

**Baseball** vs. Nebraska, 6:35 p.m., Lincoln, Neb., Radio: KMAN-AM 1350

WEDNESDAY,  
MARCH 28

**Track and field**, Texas Relays, Austin, Texas

THURSDAY,  
MARCH 29

**Track and field**, Jim Click Combined Events, Tuscon, Ariz.  
**Track and field**, Texas Relays, Austin, Texas

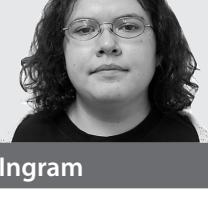
FRIDAY,  
MARCH 30

**Equestrian**, Big 12 Championships, Timber Creek Stables  
**Track and field**, Jim Click Combined Events, Tuscon, Ariz.  
**Track and field**, Texas Relays, Austin, Texas  
**Tennis** vs. Texas A&M, 6 p.m., College Station, Texas  
**Baseball** vs. Oklahoma, 6:30 p.m., Norman, Okla., Radio: KMAN-AM 1350  
**Rowing**, San Diego Crew Classic, San Diego, Calif.

SUNDAY,  
MARCH 31

**Track and field**, Texas Relays, Austin, Texas  
**Track and field**, ESU Open, Emporia, Kan.  
**Baseball** vs. Oklahoma, 2 p.m., Norman, Okla., Radio: KMAN-AM 1350  
**Equestrian**, Big 12 Championships, Timber Creek Stables  
**Rowing**, San Diego Crew Classic, San Diego, Calif.

## Online uproar about 'pink slime' unnecessary, hypocritical



**Karen Ingram**

The Internet is in an uproar after a March 7 ABC News video story revealed that 70 percent of ground beef sold in the U.S. contains a filler called lean finely textured beef, which has been given the scary nickname "pink slime."

LFTB is basically the scraps stripped off of the bones of beef cattle after the choice cuts are removed. Some people object to it so strongly, they are even petitioning to have it removed from the National School Lunch Program.

This makes me laugh bitterly.

I find the controversy over so-called "pink slime" preposterous, mostly because Americans are already eating similar things in other products. Of course the first thing that springs to mind is hot dogs and bologna, which are legendarily made from scraps, but checking the labels of popular brands like Oscar Meyer and Bar S reveals the main ingredients are "mechanically separated" meats, not LFTB.

What does "mechanically separated" mean? It means the meat scraps they use have high concentrations of calcium, indicating that it may contain pulverized bone.

Personally, I don't find a little bone meal or "pink slime" nearly as scary as L-cysteine, a substance used in bread products to improve the texture that is made from — get this — dissolved duck feathers or human hair. Yes, hair. And yes, in case you are wondering, Einstein Bros. Bagels

contain L-cysteine. Bon appetit. The ABC News video cited earlier stated that some people object to LFTB because it contains connective tissues, such as tendons. I find this to be an illogical argument as well, because connective tissues are one of the main things we derive gelatin from.

Maybe you don't eat Jell-O because of the texture, or maybe it's because of principle, but it doesn't matter. Chances are you're still eating gelatin in gummy bears, jam, yogurt, cream cheese, marshmallows and any number of other foods. You'll also find gelatin in many recipes for meatloaf, to help the texture and hold. Bear that in mind next time you go shopping for LFTB-free ground beef. Even if you're careful to buy hot dogs made from expensive and prime ingredients, you're still getting tendon-y goodness from the collagen used in the casing.

Finally, I object to people's irrational fears over "pink slime" because, despite the fact that it is not the choicest part of the animal, it is still just animal product. We ingest far scarier things on a daily basis, stuff that is cooked up in laboratories from petroleum products and other weird, non-food sources, but we never give any thought to it because it's everywhere.

The artificial color Red 40, for example, has been banned in several countries, and the Center for Science in the Public Interest asked the FDA to ban it in 2010 because of its links to behavioral problems in children and cancer. I read a lot of labels because I'm curious to know what I'm eating, and I can tell you, it's hard to find stuff that does not have artificial colors in it. And Red 40 is everywhere.

So for all you hypocrites out there

who are worried about "pink slime" but have no qualms about eating hot dogs, fast food, artificial colors or L-cysteine, or don't read ingredient labels at all, my advice to you is to shut up. The food we eat does not resemble what it really is anymore for precisely the same reasons you are whining about: because real food is scary. This is why we process our food, squeeze it into homogenous shapes, slap artificial colors into it to make it match the brightly colored packaging and add unhealthy substances to it to make it taste better. This is why we pump beef packaging full of carbon monoxide to make the meat freakishly bright red or why we throw away millions of eggs each year because they're not shaped perfectly egg-y.

We like our food to look unnatural. We don't care how scary it is inside, as long as it looks pretty outside.

If you want to read labels and educate yourself about things that are harmful to you, by all means, do so. It will make you a better and healthier person. But freaking out because your meat is made out of scraps instead of prime rib is ridiculous. If it's on the animal, it's edible, whether it be eyes or intestines, liver or lungs. Eat up or go vegan.

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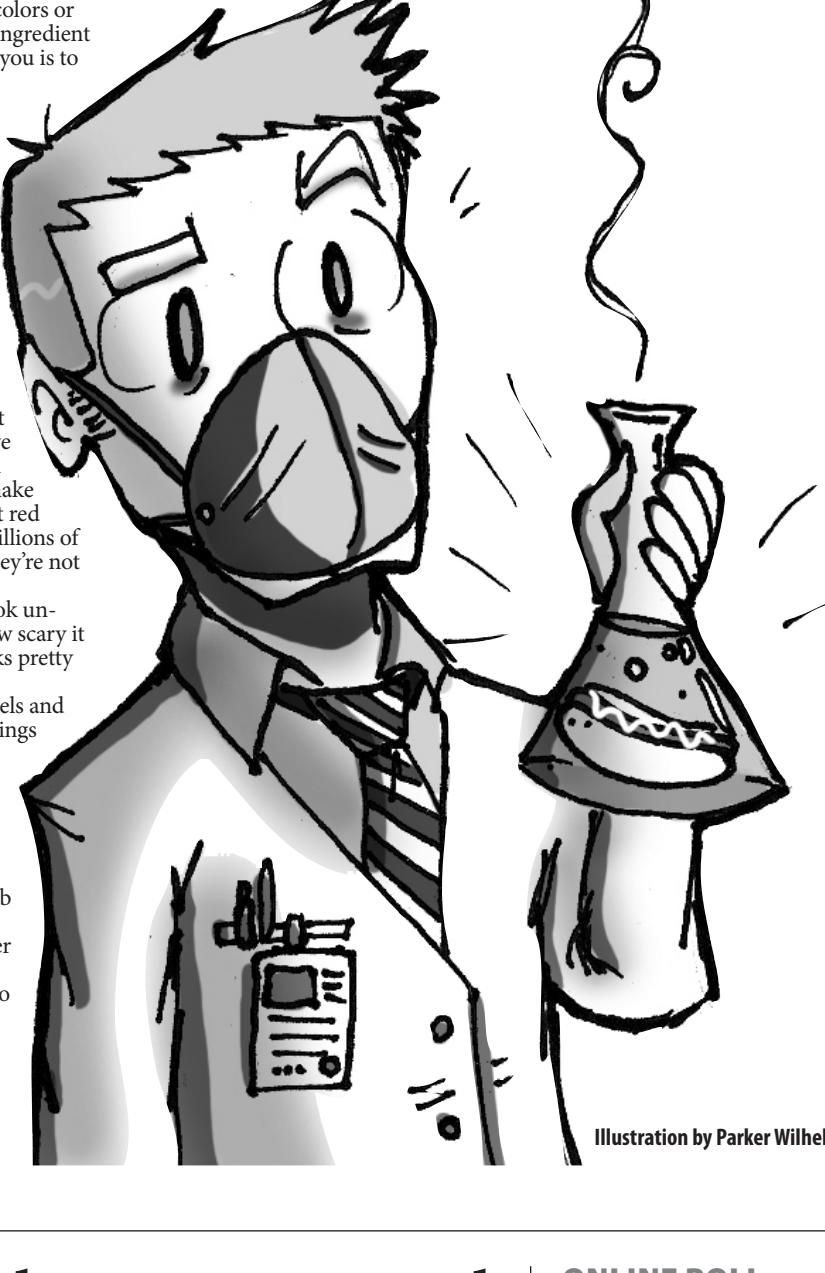


Illustration by Parker Wilhelm

## Public overlooks aspects of Loughner case, trial



**Patrick White**

On Jan. 8, 2011, Jared Lee Loughner opened fire into a crowd of people gathered for a public meeting in Tucson, Ariz. Nineteen people, including former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, were shot, and six of those people died, including a 9-year-old girl. The story has kind of faded into the background since May 27 of last year, when Loughner was declared to be mentally unfit to stand trial.

I find this odd because a gunman perpetrated a crime and we have simply pushed it aside. This lack of attention has been due to Loughner's trial getting pushed back because of competency hearings and medical check-ups regarding his diagnosis of schizophrenia. Yet, I believe there are important but overlooked aspects of this event that people should consider.

In the wake of the shooting that wounded or killed 19 people, the media tends to refer to Giffords as the only victim. In searches done on major news outlets online for updates on the case, the keywords "Jared Loughner" yielded pages of results for Giffords, which I find odd — 19 total victims and yet we only hear about the most famous survivor and nothing more about the six who died in the shooting. Now, actual coverage of the trial is dying off because it is perceived as boring, and that is irksome because what is happening behind the scenes might raise questions.

Since May of last year, Loughner has been held in a secure facility in Springfield, Mo., following doctors' diagnosis of schizophrenia and a



Illustration by Erin Logan

federal judge's declaration that he was mentally unfit to stand trial. The court has ruled that he can be made fit for trial and, as a result, he is currently being medicated in custody in prison.

Does Loughner's medication affect his chances in court? I would think that with all of the effort and medical issues the state is going through to make him fit for trial, they would just proceed with the trial, regardless of his current mental state. And, since he is mentally ill, can they legally cross-examine him about the shooting? All that I know, with the limited coverage of the proceedings, is that in

September of last year, after Loughner was still found to be unfit for trial but as he was having some progress with medication, another competency hearing was set for June of this year.

And finally, there is the public reaction to this crime. There was initial debate in the aftermath regarding gun control laws, but that amounted to nothing. After opening fire on the crowd, Loughner was apprehended after allegedly having problems reloading his Glock 19 with an extended magazine. Following an increase in sales of extended magazines, Don Davis, owner of Don's Guns in Indianapolis, mentioned his upswing

in customers.

"We're seeing a lot of young people coming into the range," Davis said in a Jan. 13, 2011, USA Today article by Judy Keen and Tim Evans. "Some of them are in there shooting and seeing how fast they can change clips."

To me, that is scary — a person commits a crime and it seems as though people may be emulating it.

However, Davis does note that the increased sale of the magazine was probably due to fears that the capacity of magazines would be limited following the shootings. The article also mentions that "high-profile shootings often prompt increased interest in the firearms used."

These are among the details of the Loughner case that bother me. The story is not being covered any more, and when it is, it focuses on one single person. Furthermore, there is little coverage of Loughner's medical treatment in prison, and no one is asking questions about that. These are things I think people should think about.

Everyone deserves a fair trial. And as part of a fair trial, people should not be forcibly medicated against their will because it is convenient. Considering the crime, I believe it is in everyone's best interest to have this process worked out to its fullest extent. However, since it is a court of law, it also benefits everyone if we don't have to wonder about the legal process.

Right now, Loughner is held indefinitely to see if he can be made fit to speak for himself at trial. It is questionable whether or not the treatment will work in time to achieve the desired result. Lastly, people should not hear or read the news and believe that the famous person was the only victim as there are other families and survivors in pain from this tragedy.

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### ONLINE POLL

**What are your Spring Break plans?**

**1 Go home**

**37%**

**2 Stay in Manhattan**

**20%**

**3 Go out of state**

**34%**

**4 Go out of country**

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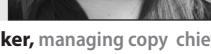
## What would be your ideal spring break?

"Horseback riding in Maryland."



**Caroline Sweeney, editor-in-chief**

"Honestly, just reading and watching bad TV on Netflix."



**Laura Thacker, managing copy chief**

"Ideally, skiing and the beach in the same week, but reading, relaxing and outside time also sounds excellent."



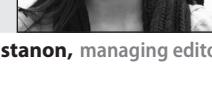
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"A spring break in Margaritaville in Jamaica with my best friends, reggae music and 'virgin' daiquiris."



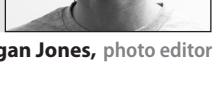
**Andy Rao, news editor**

"I'm going on a cruise to the Bahamas, so anything with a beach will always be my ideal spring break."



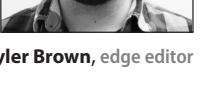
**Kelsey Castanon, managing editor**

"Visiting my favorite coffee houses, reading for pleasure, not for school, and running."



**Logan Jones, photo editor**

"My ideal break is getting to read and write all I want — outside of academics, that is."



**Tyler Brown, edge editor**

"Drinking on an exotic and beautiful beach somewhere out of the country with my favorite people."



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## Segel, Helms comedy opens today



**Jason Segel** stars in "Jeff, Who Lives at Home," as Jeff, a 30-year-old man who lives with his mother, alongside **Ed Helms**, who plays his older brother Pat. "This movie doesn't shy away from the kind of painful aspect of a dysfunctional life," Helms said in a Feb. 17 conference call.

**Kelsey Castanon**  
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Everything happens for a reason. The phrase is loosely used, but in the new film "Jeff, Who Lives at Home," Jason Segel's character believes it.

The movie is about a 30-year-old man named Jeff who lives with his mom, played by Susan Sarandon, in her basement. He has no job. No real relationships. Not even with his older brother, Pat, played by Ed Helms, who also yearns for emotional fulfillment.

But in this seemingly hopeless reality, the characters in "Jeff, Who Lives at Home" become unlikely heroes, whom audiences root for in the end.

"Those are inherently, I guess, sad or dark situations, but for us, at the end of the day, we just love these guys so much and we root for them and we want them to win," said writer-director Mark Duplass in a March 2 conference call. Mark's brother Jay also wrote and directed the film.

The movie takes place over the course of one day, and with each moment, Jeff finds signs from the universe depicting his destiny.

The making of this film, too, could have been fate's doing. Segel said he was surprised about whom was actually directing the movie.

"I legitimately thought it was the Hughes brothers and then when I arrived on set, it was clear that it wasn't," he said, laughing. "But it was still a worthwhile experience."

But "Jeff, Who Lives at Home" isn't your typical Segel and Helms film. It's a borderline comedy and drama, consistently aligned with the Duplass brothers' darker comedic feel. The honest tone of the movie is one Helms said he has never quite done before.

"This movie doesn't shy away from the kind of painful aspect of a dysfunctional life," Helms said in a Feb. 17 conference call. "So it might be a little bit different than what people expect, but I hope in a good way. Kind of a nice little treat, if you will, a little twist on the expectation."

And with big-name actors, such as Helms, Sarandon and Segel, comes a big budget to make the film and an even bigger chance to get starstruck.

Duplass said that while meeting Helms and Segel was nerve-wracking at first, since they are close in age, it made the situation easier to adjust to.

It was Sarandon who gave these men the jitters.

"All of the sudden, this sort of screen legend/goddess who, make no mistake about it, is,

like, smoking hot, comes down and descends on our set," Duplass said. "And we're just like, A: don't want to embarrass ourselves in front of her and B: don't want to offend her with our juvenile filmmaking tactics."

He added, jokingly, that there were enough takes of Segel salivating over Sarandon that it could be made into a "whole other movie."

Segel admitted it was in part because of his longtime crush on the actress.

"I was in awe the whole time," Segel said. "Any time you get to work around somebody that you've admired for so long, there's a little part of you that feels like you've made it a little bit ... Just to suppress that I was wildly attracted to the woman playing my mom was easily the hardest part of the movie for me."

And while the chemistry between the actors was "fantastic," Helms said the film presented a challenge he had yet to face.

"We had an amazing time working together," he said, "but it wasn't always about finding the laughs; it was kind of a new challenge for me because it was about finding realism and authenticity."

This includes the "juvenile filmmaking tactics" Duplass referred to, which the writer-director brothers use often: on-screen improvisation.

While Helms said the filmmakers wrote "down to the word, a wonderful, compelling, hilarious and moving script," by the time filming wrapped, only half of the original script made it into the

movie. The rest is captured moments, created by the actors.

"Every single line of dialogue, every single moment is improvised to a certain extent," Duplass said. "That doesn't mean that the script changes drastically, but we are asking our actors to be in the moment and throw surprises in."

This resulted in genuine, inspired acting.

"You just find these really kind of authentic moments and it feels real when you're doing it," Helms said. "And I'm sort of stunned by the result. I think Mark and Jay got something out of me that I didn't necessarily know was in there as a performer."

Segel said it was Jeff's simplistic character that drew him to the role, thus making improvisation an easier task to take on.

He also said working on "Jeff, Who Lives at Home" provided some additional benefits.

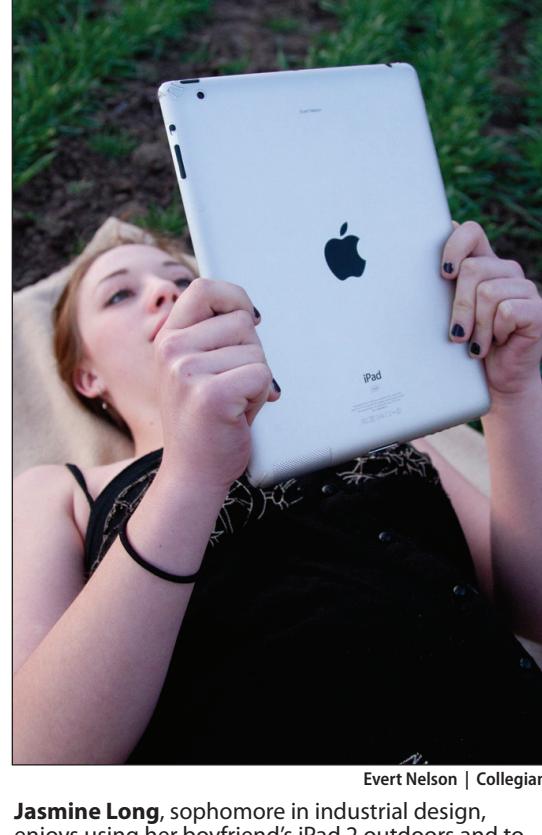
"Previous to this, I had been doing a lot of writing and producing of the movies that I was doing," Segel said. "So on this one, I got to just be invited to the party without having to prepare all the food and decorations and all that stuff. And so my job was just to show up and have a good time at the party. I really enjoyed that element of it."

And perhaps this film won't be the last film Segel and Duplass will do together.

"I would like to announce I'm directing 'Jeff, Who Lives At Home 2: This Time It's Personal,'" Segel said, laughing.

"Jeff, Who Lives at Home" hits theaters nationwide today.

## A new Apple in the bunch



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**Jasmine Long**, sophomore in industrial design, enjoys using her boyfriend's iPad 2 outdoors and to watch videos on the go. The newest model of the iPad, which features a high-definition display and a better camera, hits stores today.

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The only upgrade that will not be present on the new iPad is Siri, the voice recognition application available on the iPad 4. Instead, the iPad features voice dictation located on the keyboard. Users must simply press the microphone icon, say a message and then hit the microphone icon again to translate their speech into text for use in an email or Facebook status.

Students can purchase the new iPad in the Computer Store, located in the K-State Student Union Bookstore. The 16GB iPad 2, which comes in both the Wi-Fi and 3G formats, is now \$100 off.

"The price for the iPad 2s are now at \$399 for the 16GB that come in both black and white," said Sean Gaulin, Computer Store employee and junior in secondary education.

With the lowering price of the iPad 2, some students are not sure if they should rush out to the stores to purchase the latest iteration of Apple's tablet.

Kason Hostrup, sophomore in business, is one of the students who was not impressed with the new

upgrades.  
"I have upgraded my software, but I would not go out and buy a whole new one unless drastic changes and improvements were made," Hostrup said.

Michael Murray, sophomore in business administration, had the same reaction about the new iPad's upgrades.

"Those who have the iPad 2 currently have to think about it a bit more, though, because they aren't really gaining any new capabilities by upgrading," Murray said. "Basically, the iPad 2 can handle all of the same processes — the new iPad can just do them a little better, and then it has a prettier screen and a better camera. Who uses their iPad for a camera?"

Price also plays into students' decisions who are buying an iPad for the first time or want to upgrade.

"Some students will want to purchase the better one, but most students, in the end, will go for the cheaper model," Gaulin said.

Hostrup does feel that, even though the new iPad is not significantly upgraded from the iPad 2, the product will still do well in the market. Many people have loyalty to the Apple brand tend to stay with Apple products.

"Knowing how the consumer market works and the grip Apple has on society, I'm sure that they will sell like crazy," Hostrup said.

According to a March 12 Washington Post article by Hayley Tsukayama, the new iPad's sales are so high already that pre-orders, which started March 7, are sold out. The new model of the iPad sold out faster than its predecessor, the iPad 2.

"Apple knows that they have such an advantage in the tablet market that they don't need to make big advances in their products," Murray said. "Just by releasing this new guy, they get to flood the market with cheap iPad 2s, which are still better than most other tablets and are now at a more competitive price. I'm not being critical of Apple at all; they are simply 'winning' because they were the first to innovate and jump-start the tablet market, and no one has caught up since."

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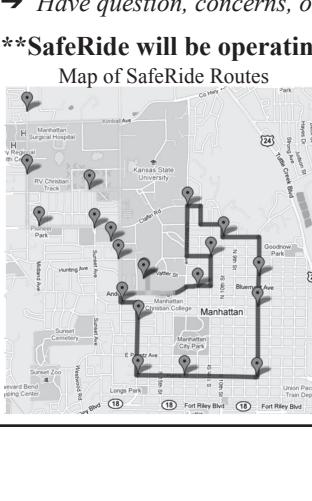
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